

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 28, 2008

Samuel Melei, Treasurer Citizens for Robert Abboud 1548 E. Algonquin Road, PMB # 613 Algonquin, IL 60102

Response Due Date: September 29, 2008

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Reference:

July Quarterly Report (4/1/08 - 6/30/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 4 items:

- 1. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for Line(s) 6(a), 6(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(e), 16, and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
- 2. On Schedule B of your report, you have itemized disbursements for which you have failed to include the complete address. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4))
- 3. Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense," "media," "salary," "polling," "travel," "party fees," "phone banks," "travel expenses," "travel expense reimbursement," and "catering costs." Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling," "door-to-door get out the vote," "get out the vote phone calls," and "driving voters to the polls." Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance," "consulting," "political consulting," "commission," "contract labor,"

"retainer," "election day expense," "expenses," "invoice," "support," "expense reimbursement," "miscellaneous," "professional services," "get-out-the-vote," "voter registration". (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4)(A))

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf. Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions that do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

4. When a committee reports receiving a loan from the candidate, it is necessary to clarify whether or not the candidate used personal funds or borrowed the money from a lending institution or some other source. Please amend your report to indicate whether the loan is from the candidate's personal funds or if he/she obtained the loan from a bank loan, brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit or other line of credit.

If the candidate loan was obtained from a lending institution, you must also file a Schedule C-1 with the Commission providing the name of the lending institution and the complete terms of the loan between the candidate and the lending institution. Schedule C-1 can be downloaded from the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. Electronic filers must submit the Schedule C-1 electronically.

If the loan(s) was from personal funds, please acknowledge that fact in an amendment to this report. It is important to note that "personal funds" is strictly defined by Commission Regulations. See 11 CFR §110.10. (11 CFR §§ 100.52(a), 100.52(b), 104.3(d) and 104.18(h))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on

our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1165.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hough

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